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paints, and who had, amongst many distinguished activities, been part of the teams that first descended the Rat Hole, and which dug the Malham Cove/Tarn Dig). 'I have an idea said Rhodes', and he disappeared up the beck to his tent. After a short while, he returned with a large tin of white powder and a teaspoon, which he proceeded to hide behind the "bar". He proceeded to draw another pint and popped a teaspoon of the white powder in the beer with a vigorous stir. Eh viola! A perfect head on the brown stuff! Fred had a gulp and declared it a winner. In came the

customers, and a great time was had by all.

The only down side the evening's imbibe? A very well worn track over the moor to, and a long queue at the toilet tent next morning. Andrews salts in fair quantity does that you know!!

Perhaps some of our older membership can shed light on the date of the first barrel of beer at GG, or other information on grog provision. I think there is definitely a definitive story of the history of Grog at CPC GG meets yet to be written!

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A Description Of Ingleborough Cave Part 8: The Wallows (And Notes On Flood Escape)

(Please note, a minor error crept into Part 7 of the Ingleborough Cave description in CPC Record 82, p.23. For completeness the photograph at the bottom of this page is the wrong way round; it should be rotated clockwise by 90 degrees.) - Oops - Ed

From the furthest point in Far Eastern Bedding Plane (see CPC Record 81 p.11) a very wide low and aqueous passage is entered, extending to left and right. The main stream is flowing in this passage and from this point onwards it is perhaps best to be wearing a wetsuit. To the left is downstream and airspace gradually decreases until a definite sump is met. Divers can continue here via a submerged connection with Secret Stream Passage and also with Chip Slab Cairn (see CPC Record 81, p.10).

Upstream in the wet crawl (i.e. by turning right from the end of Far Eastern Bedding Plane) the airspace also decreases, until the caver is faced with a wide expanse of deep water only some 10 cm or less from the roof in several directions; this is the **First Wallows**. However the sound of running water ahead encourages commitment and a few metres of exceptionally wet going soon reaches greater airspace and shallower water. The first trap is now sprung, because on the way back the correct route is less obvious – and there's no sound of running water to aim for. So take careful note of exactly which direction to launch back through this duck before pressing on further!

Shortly afterwards the fast flowing water is found in a short section of stooping passage as the main route sidesteps from the left along a joint. Off to the left here is a low, sharp and uninviting flat out crawl, which leads for about 30 m to the **Black Pool** (see below). However the main stream is emerging from an easier hands and knees crawl ahead, which takes the form of a deep water canal with plenty of airspace for about 60 m, the **Second Wallows**. The route is obvious and suddenly the roof lifts over a deep pool with a cascade plunging into its upstream end. This marks the start of the



**The breakthroughpoint at the base of the shaft
(Record 82 Page 23 - correct orientation)**

Inauguration Caverns, to be described in a future part of this description.

Herein lies a second possible trap for the unwary. The route through the Wallows is described above in VERY dry conditions. However only a small